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OF THE

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MONTGOMERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

HAYNEVILLE CHURCH, HAYNEVILLE, LOWNDES CO., ALA.,

JULY 16, 17, 18, 1895.

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COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION.

ON HOME MISSIONS—C. Johnson, J. B. Bell, F. V. Battle.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—Geo. B Eager, J. G. Harris, C. A. Gunn.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—W. B. Davidson, J. R. McLendon, R. H. Hudson.
TEMPERANCE—Geo. W. Townsend, G. W. Johnson, J. R. Rogers.
DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION—P. N. Cilley, C. V. Collier, J. T. Boyd.
STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS—E. F. Baber, Joseph Norwood, G. G. Long.
MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—S. J. Catts, J. E. Jones, J. G. Mills.
WOMAN'S WORK—W. J. Elliott, F. S. Andress, C. C. Edwards,
ORPHANS' HOME—B. A. Jackson, J. L. Thompson, J. B. Collier.
INDIGENT MINISTERS—A. F. Goldsmith, W. G. Worrell, W. P. Dawson.
BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLES' UNION—W. L. Chandler, W. E. Lacy, C. C. Jordan.
NEW AND WEAK CHURCHES—Wm. D. Gay, J. H. Dickson, Geo. W. Ellis.

The next session will be held Aug. 18-21, 1896. (Tuesday after the third Sunday) with the Wetumpka Baptist Church.
Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. workers are invited to hold sessions on evening of the 17th (Monday), and one hour on morning of the 18th (Tuesday).

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NAMES AND POSTOFFICES OF MINISTERS.

Geo. B Eager	Montgomery,	Ala.
Wm D. Gay	"	"
W. J. Elliott	"	"
*J. Falkner	"	"
J. L. Thompson	"	"
John Bass Shelton	"	"
G. W. Townsend	"	"
C. Johnson	"	"
E. F. Baber	"	"
B. A. Jackson	Ramer,	"
J. R. Caldwell	Deatsville,	"
W. G. Sullivant	Raif Branch,	"
N A. Moore	Center Point,	"
S. J. Catts	Ft. Deposit,	"
R. M. Burt	"	"
F. M. Rollins	Prattville,	"
A. F. Goldsmith	Ft. Deposit,	"

*Died April 22, 1895.

ASSOCIATION DISTRICTS.

First District—Bethany, Coosada, Deatsville, Good Hope, Mt. Hebron, Prattville, Shoal Creek, Wetumpka.

Second District—Bethel, Hayneville, Lowndesboro, Mt. Lebanon, Mt. Zion, Pine Level.

Third District—Adams Street, Bethesda, First Montgomery, Friendship, Philadelphia, Ramer, West Montgomery.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Association called to order by Moderator.
2. Appoint Committee on Credentials.
3. Fix time of meeting and adjourning.
4. Introductory sermon.
5. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
6. Receive correspondents and visitors.
7. Receive petitions from Churches desiring membership.
8. Appoint committees to report during session—
   - On Religious Exercises.
   - On Finance and Auditing.
   - On Nominations.
   - On Apportionment.
9. Read rules of order.
10. Hear reports from committees and treasurer.
11. Return correspondence.
12. Appoint committees to report at next meeting—
    - On Home Missions.
    - On Foreign Missions.
    - On Sunday Schools.
    - On Temperance.
    - On Denominational Education.
    - On State Board of Missions.
    - On Ministerial Education.
    - On Indigent Ministers.
    - On Woman's Work.
    - On Orphans' Home.
    - On Baptist Young Peoples' Union.
    - On New and Weak Churches.
13. Hear miscellaneous business.
14. Call roll and erase absentees.
15. Arrange for printing minutes.
16. Correct minutes and adjourn.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS.

Geo. E. Brewer	Montgomery,	Ala.
R. H. Hudson	Millbrook,	"
C. A. Stakely	Montgomery,	"
H. W. Provence	"	"
W. J. Elliott	"	"
G. W. Townsend	"	"
W. N. Gunter	"	"
A. F. Dix	"	"
B. A. Jackson	Ramer,	"
J. R. Caldwell	Prattville,	"
A. J. Preston	"	"
W. G. Sullivant	"	"
O. F. Gregory	Montgomery,	"
S. M. Provence	"	"
H. R. Schramm	Deatsville,	"
D. P. Lee	Montgomery,	"
J. A. Jenkins	"	"

ORDER
OF BUSINESS.

I. Call to order by Moderator.

II. Enrollment of Messengers

III. Election of Officers.

IV. Call for Petitionary Letters.

V. Receive Correspondents and Visitors.

VI. Introductory Sermon.

VII. Appoint Commmittees to Report During Session.

1. On Religious Exercises.
2. On Finance and Auditing.
3. On Nominations.
4. On Appointment.

VIII. Report of Standing Committees.

1. Indigent Ministers.
2. New and Weak Churches.
3. Denominational Literature.
4. Denominational Education.
5. Ministerial Education.
6. Orphanage.
7. Sunday Schools.
8. Woman's Work.
9. Missions—State, Home and Foreign.
10. B. Y. U. P.
11. Temperance.

IX. Treasurer's Report.

X. Report of Special Committees.

XI. Hear and Correct Minutes and Roll.

XII. Miscellaneous Business.

MINUTES.

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1895.

MORNING SESSION.

The Montgomery Baptist Association assembled in its Fourteenth Annual Session with Hayneville Baptist church, Hayneville, Ala., at 10 o'clock a. m. Tuesday, July 16, 1895, Moderator T. L. Jones in the chair; J. C. Pope, Clerk.

Prayer service conducted by Eld. J. L. Thompson, of Clayton Street church, Montgomery, who read the 90th Psalm. Song, after which Eld. C. Johnson, of South Montgomery church, led in prayer.

Moderator appointed the following

Committee on Credentials—C. A. Gunn, Fort Deposit; J. H. Dickson, Pine Level; J. R. McLendon, Naftel.

On motion of Eld. W. J. Elliott, Moderator appointed committee to supply vacancies on Programme, consisting of G. S. Anderson, F. S. Andress and J. F. Varner.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Eld. G. S. Anderson read a part of the 5th chapter of Matthew in connection with the 11th chapter of Acts, after which Eld. S. J. Catts preached the Introductory Sermon from the latter clause of Acts 11:26.

Eld. G. S. Anderson welcomed the Association to Hayneville. After a song, adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 2 o'clock. Song.

Several changes in programme were reported through Eld G. S. Anderson, and, on motion of Eld. W. J. Elliott, the report was adopted.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Eld. John W. Stewart. Prayer by Eld. C. Johnson. Sang two stanzas of hymn 63.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Adams Street—J. C. Pope, A. P. Wilson.
Bethany—Letter; no delegate.
Bethel—Eld. S. J. Catts, J. E. Bishop, C. A. Gunn, Willie Hawkins, M. B. Goldsmith, Eld. A. S. Goldsmith, Graves Little, John Thigpen.
Bethesda—Not represented.
Clayton Street (formerly West Montgomery)—Eld. J. L. Thompson.
Coosada—Not represented.
Deatsville—Letter; no delegate.
First Montgomery—Eld. G. W. Townsend, J. G. Harris, T. L. Jones.
Friendship—Letter; no delegate.

Good Hope—Not represented—(Asked for letter to join Unity Association.)
Hayneville—Eld. G. S. Anderson. F. S. Andress, J. F. Varner.
Lowndesboro—W. R. Meadows, R. Meadows, J. T. Dickson.
Mt. Hebron—J. R. Rogers, R. B. James.
Mt. Lebanon—Not represented.
Mt. Zion—G. W. Johnson, J. G. Mills.
Philadelphia—Letter; no delegate.
Pine Level—J. H. Dickson, F. V. Battle, G A. Phelps.
Prattville—W llie Anderson, Joel Dennis, Walter Meek.
Ramer—Eld. B. A. Jackson, J. R. McLendon.
Shoal Creek—Not represented
Wetumpka—Eld. W. J. Elliott, C. C. Edwards, W. E. Lacy.

Received correspondents as follows:

Baptist State Board of Missions—Eld. W. B. Crumpton.
Baptist Orphanage—Eld. John W. Stewart.
Judson Female Institute—Dr. S. W. Averett.
Central Association—Elds. C J. Bentley, T. P. Moon.
Conecuh Association—Eld. A. T. Sims.
Selma Association—Eld. J. E. Barnes.
Troy Association—Eld. A. E. Pinckard.

Petition for membership from the South Montgomery church was presented by Eld. C. Johnson and J. E Brooks, as follows:

The South Montgomery Baptist Church,

To the Montgomery Association:

DEAR BRETHREN: We, a regular Baptist church, having covenanted to do all things taught us in the New Testament, and being regularly organized, after adopting the Articles of Faith common to all Missionary Baptist churches, do, through our delegates, seek membership in your honorable body.

SOUTH MONTGOMERY BAPTIST CHURCH, Montgomery, Ala.

whereupon the Moderator, on motion, extended the representatives of the new church the right hand of fellowship.

The present officers of the Association, T. L Jones, Moderator; J. C. Pope, Clerk, and J. H. Dickson, Treasurer, were, upon motion of Eld. W. J. Elliott, re-elected, Eld. A S. Goldsmith casting the ballot.

Eld. B. A. Jackson, chairman, read the

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Notwithstanding the hard times through which we have passed, and are passing, the Board has done more the last conventional year than in any year previous, except the Centennial. This success is attributable in a large measure to the earnest appeals of the Corresponding Secretary and the faithful and efficient work done by the secretaries of the State Boards. The work that has been accomplished is gratifying to all who desire the salvation of souls. The following is a summary of the work done: Cash receipts $88,640 20, being $15,319 29 larger than last year. The Board began the year with a debt of $6,763 54, has paid on a house of worship in New Orleans $9,476.50, and for church buildings at other places $2,386.62, a total of $11,862 12.

There has been an increase of missionaries of nearly 12 per cent; of receipts, 20 per cent, and of baptisms, 32 per cent.

Present number of missionaries	425
Weeks of labor	11,466
Churches and stations	3,484
Sermons and addresses	46,620
Prayer-meetings	5,774
Baptisms	5,921
Received by letter	6,519
Total additions	10,564
Sunday-schools	2,110
Teachers and pupils	23,702
Religious visits	52,089
Churches constituted	178
Houses of worship built	52
Bibles and Testaments distributed	7,392
Tracts distributed	584,988

We earnestly solicit larger contributions from all the churches in the Montgomery Association.

We recommend monthly collections on the envelope plan.

Respectfully submitted,

B. A. Jackson, Chairman.

which was discussed by brethren Crumpton, Stewart, Elliott, Jones and Townsend, and adopted.

The Association voted to meet at 3 p. m. to-morrow instead of at 2 o'clock.

J. G. Harris, chairman, offered the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

There is no question of more vital importance to the people of the union than the liquor question. The ravages, the wreck, the ruin that it is carrying in its wake are enough to arouse to action the most indifferent, and to draw forth from every father and mother an earnest condemnation and opposition. In scanning the entire catalogue of evils that afflict our country, none are more universal or dreadful. The financial, the tariff, the immigration and like questions dwindle into absolute insignificance in the presence of the drink evil Everything vicious, everything criminal, breeds in the saloon. Disease itself is mothered by this murderess, who digs every twelve months no less than one hundred thousand graves for the people of this country. Say what you will, apologize as you may, the saloon is the commissioned agent of perdition. It begets the drunkard, the drunkard begets drunkenness, and drunkenness begets the whole shameless progeny of crime and squallor under which society staggers to-day.

The saloon is hell's organized defence against heaven. While it stands open, labor organizations must prove, as they have already proved, a failure to accomplish good results; for this office of the devil is the ruin of the workingman rather than the capitalist. It is the hole in the workingman's pocket, through which he loses his daily earnings; it is the thief that has robbed the workingman of this country alone of five millions of dollars every twelve months. Only as this evil is displaced can reform be made permanent. Abolish the saloon and you have solved nine-tenths of the great social problems that confront us to-day. The saloon-keeper is the enemy of the home, of society, of the State; he is Satan's soldier warring against man and God. Let the law, therefore, declare him a criminal whose business it is to create crime and produce criminals.

The robber's demand is, "Your money or your life," but the saloon man's is "Your money and your life"—and your character and everything else; and in return for this goes back to the poor, cursed wretch what is infinitely worse than nothing.

As law protects the saloon, it encourages the vice that is of all others the most fruitful source of crime, and as law makes the saloon more respectable, it makes it easier for the devil to get at the man, and easier for the man

to get to the devil. License laws, says a distinguished man, arm saloons and disarms society. They make the saloon the nation's ward, and so make drunkards a financial support to the State. Wipe out the saloon, and at the same time you would dismiss seven-eighths of your police force, close three-fourths of your courts, and make useless four-fifths of your asylums and prisons. This would be a humane and sure road to revenue. The license law, continues this writer, is as criminal as it is absurd. It makes robbing legal, and the products of robbing a source of revenue to the State. It legalizes a business that, in order to pay to the government its share of the profits, must make drunkards, and therefore produces all the evils connected with drunkenness. Then the State proceeds to imprison the criminals who support the saloon, to hang the murderers who would not be murderers but for the saloon; to support the paupers produced by the saloon; and thus the license law links the State to the saloon in the business of producing as well as punishing crime.

What is wrong in principle cannot be made right in any way, and when law sanctions evil, the law itself becomes an evil. It is agreed that a State that accepts a revenue for protecting the liquor traffic becomes *particeps criminis* in the business; that for every dollar this traffic gives the State in revenue, it demands back seven more to repair the damage wrought The more this tariff contributes to the State, the more taxes it imposes upon the State, which taxes must be collected from the people. Such are some of the arguments.

But the question, "What are the people going to do about it?" is a practical question, and should not be ignored or dodged. Let the issue come in some form or other and meet it with a united Christian effort. The churches could wipe out this evil from the face of the world if there was an honest, faithful, united action. While the saloon exists, every religious organization is handicapped, for it is the devil's bulwark against the work of the Holy Ghost. It paralyzes the appeals of the gospel, and it is corrupting the civilization nourished at the altars of our common religion.

God's church, which was the cradle of temperance reform, must be the battle-field of its victory. It is the business of God's church to follow the lead of no one, and it should take the lead for every one.

It is said, and who will deny it? that the inconsistencies of church members are spiking the guns of the churches in this reform. By the tolerance of Christians and their friends, this wretched business exists to-day. Ministers, elders, stewards, deacons, members vote for drunkards for public office. Have you not seen States disgraced by having drunken governors and other officials? If you have not, you will see it, if certain aspirants for office are put in high places.

Brethren, in the name of God, and in behalf of the young men of our land, we appeal to you to strive for the overthrow of the liquor traffic. Examine into the character of every aspirant for office, from governor down, and do not vote for any man that gets drunk or gambles. Our honor, integrity and safety as a State depends upon it, and our Christian vows claim it of us. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That each church in this Association is hereby requested to set apart at least one Sunday during the associational year, at which time the temperance question shall be the topic for discussion.

Resolved, further, That the Montgomery Baptist Association plants itself squarely and unconditionally on the anti-liquor platform, and we pledge ourselves to do what we can to destroy this evil.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HARRIS, Chairman.

Discussed by brethren Anderson, Crumpton, Harris, Bentley, Goldsmith, Catts, Gunn, Thompson, Bishop, Elliott, Jones and Townsend, and adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

On motion, Rev. P. C. Morton, pastor of the Presbyterian church, was invited to a seat in the Association.

On motion, adjourned, the Moderator announcing that Eld. C. J. Bentley would preach at 8:15 to-night.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association, pursuant to adjournment, met at 8 o'clock. After a song, Eld. C. J. Bentley, of the Central Association, preached from 1 Tim. 1:15.

The Moderator announced committees on—

Finance—Graves Little, A. P. Wilson, J. E. Bishop.
Nominations—Sidney Catts, W. E Lacy. J. G. Mills.
Apportionment—R. Meadows, J. R. McLendon, G. W. Johnson.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 9:30 o'clock, and was led in prayer service by Eld. B. A. Jackson.

Minutes of previous day's sessions were read and approved.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Clerk in absence ot Eld. Wm. D. Gay, chairman, and laid on table for discussion this afternoon :

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The contributions for Foreign Missions last year were over $130,000, by far the largest amount ever given for the regular work. While the Board is still nearly $20,000 in debt, it has no interest to pay on $9,200, which constitutes the Chapel Fund. It is a significant fact that 92 cents on the dollar goes to the missionaries, only 8 cents on the dollar being used for all expenses. This is a fact that should be made known to all who speak of the expense of sending money to the missionaries.

A great work was done by those under the employ of the Board, showing itself in the 518 baptisms, among which was the baptism of an intelligent Romanist in Brazil, Horatio B. Ottoni, a recent canon and man of power. It is hoped that he will prove to be another Diaz.

We have missionaries in Italy, Brazil, and Mexico among the Romanists; and in Africa, Japan and China among the pagans.

We gave in this Association last year a little over 10 cents a member to this great work. This is a very small showing for obedience to the great commission to "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." When we consider the great need, that in China alone a "million a month" is going away into everlasting punishment because of their sins, and that they have no knowledge of our Savior, it should bestir us to greater liberality.

What we need is increased liberality first, and increased number of givers second, and more systematic methods to get this increased liberality and number of givers. Brethren, let me appeal to you for the coming year that you get more small gifts from the children and young people for this great cause.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. D. Gay, Chairman.

Committee on Sunday Schools, through its chairman, P. N. Cilley, made its report, which, on motion, was laid on the table to be discussed with report on New and Weak Churches :

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to make the following report:

For several years there has been a steadily increasing interest in the Sunday Schools of our denomination, as shown in new schools organized where none existed previously; in a larger enrollment; in a more punctual attendance; in a more abundant supply and improved character of literature to assist in expounding the Scripture lessons; and, perhaps, more than all, in the fact that a large percentage of the increased enrollment and attendance consists of adult members of the church.

During the last twelve months in all the religious fields within the purview of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School work has moved on with giant strides, broadening and deepening its influence in the Master's cause.

The financial stringency of that period had prepared us to expect at least a shrinkage in the revenue from Sunday Schools; and yet, in the report of the Sunday School Board, made to the Southern Baptist Convention at Washington, we are surprised and delighted to find that the cash receipts of the Board for the year have been $53,034 52 as against $48,539 16 for the previous year. An increase of $4 495 36—besides $4,975. 07 received from the "Missionary Day" collections in the Sunday Schools. Increase all told, $9,470 43.

This Board further says, "There has also come to us from many quarters testimony as to the good being done for the souls of the children, and for their development in Christian work."

In the disbursement of these funds the Board has contributed for Sunday School Work mainly through the Conventions of the States—in Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Lousiana, North Carolina, Western North Carolina, North Georgia, and Tennessee—$3,375.00 in cash, ranging in sums from $200 to $1 000, in the different States It also contributed $1 000 in cash to the Foreign Mission Board for Bible schools in foreign fields.

Contributions of Sunday School literature of the very best character have been made in all the Convention States, as well as in Oklahoma and Oregon, and in foreign fields, to churches and Sunday Schools, both white and colored, to the value of $1,190.49.

In Mississippi 32 new schools have been organized, with an enrollment of 3,000.

In Tennessee, about 70 new schools, some of them in neighborhoods where Sunday Schools never existed before.

In Texas, 200 new schools, and thousands of families furnished with Bibles and Testaments.

Bible distribution throughout the convention field has been a prominent feature in the work of the Board. No call made for Bibles or Testaments by a needy State Mission, Sunday School Board, Church, Sunday School, or individual, has been denied. And in this branch of the work $351.34 has been expended. Thus you see how the little contributions gathered in our Sunday Schools, becoming aggregated, speedily find their way to the needy people and schools, fostering God's favorite helper in the salvation of souls.

Can you conceive of the blessings that are caught in the rebound, by these children who are contributing to their Savior's cause ? If in nothing else, how rich the return in being trained in free giving!

The Committee on Sunday Schools, in their report to our last State Convention, says: "We have in Alabama about 1,600 Baptist churches, and over 109,000 communicants. We ought to have 1,700 Sunday Schools, with an enrollment of 125,000. But, as a matter of fact, we have only about 700 schools, with an enrollment of 30,000."

Nine hundred Baptist churches in Alabama with no Sunday Schools! We ought to have in reality an enrollment in this State of 200,000 in our Sunday Schools, for the reason that every communicant ought to be himself connected with the school, and punctual in his attendance.

Can churches expect prosperity without teaching the rising generation God's word? Do they say we can teach them this outside of the Sunday Schools? Do you do it? No, you know you don't. You have not done it as you ought, and you cannot do it as effectually as in the Sunday School.

Your committee fully endorse the declaration of the Convention Committee, when they say, "As Christians, and as Baptists, we cannot afford this state of things to continue."

How can it be corrected? Let our pastors and live laymen determine that there shall be organized a Sunday School in the district occupied by every Baptist church in Alabama, and in some of them more than one. Establish schools wherever practicable. Arouse interest on this subject among the people, especially among those connected with our churches. Let it be understood that in no other way can so much be done to advance the cause of our Master, and the prosperity of our churches.

Your committee are inclined to the opinion that more missionary funds would, ultimately, be realized from Sunday School rallies than from any other kind of rally; for the simple reason that this is an ever increasing source of revenue, multiplying and augmenting in fruitfulness year by year.

Enrolled upon the books of the Montgomery Association are 21 churches, located in the most desirable section of the State in which to plant the seed of the Word, and cultivate, expecting to reap a rich harvest from Sunday School work. Yet your committee can report only 14 churches that have Sunday Schools that are organized and at work. Eight churches in this Association with no Sunday Schools! We report the statistics of those schools organized and at work as far as possible, showing them to be in a prosperous condition.

We hope for an improved showing at the end of the next associational year.

In the Baptist year book for 1895, the author says: "The Sunday School statistics of the South have never been collected." We can well believe this from personal experience.

If the brethren would all make full reports and respond as promptly as do some, the work of your committees would be comparatively light, and much more satisfactory.

There are 14 superintendents, all members of the church; 121 teachers; 475 adults in the schools; 873 children in the schools; 507 members of the churches; 1,466 in the entire enrollment of the churches. There was raised in this associational year $833 21 for the churches.

P. N. Cilley, Chairman.

Committee on New and Weak Churches made its report through Eld. Wm D. Gay, Clerk reading the same in the absence of the chairman:

REPORT ON NEW AND WEAK CHURCHES.

Your committee went zealously to work. The chairman, with Bro. Jesse H. Dickson and Rev. J. W. Stewart, took his tent to LaPine and conducted a series of meetings, which resulted in great good, and it is hoped a permanent church will be the outcome, which will report at this session of the Association.

We also wrote a number of letters to weak churches, asking co-operation and reports, and offered to help them if they desired us.

The chairman saw finally developed (amidst opposition by some) the South Montgomery Mission into the South Montgomery Church, whose magnificent report of thirty-two members and what they have accomplished

you have before you. It is a sister church of which we will all feel proud, and God is graciously blessing her, and the future success is assured.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. D. GAY, Chairman.

The two reports were spoken to by brethren Cilley, Dickson, Anderson, Elliott, Pinckard and Catts. Further discussion this afternoon.

Leave of absence was granted the delegates of the South Montgomery church to return home.

At 11:30 Eld. J. L. Thompson, in the absence of Dr. Geo. B. Eager, appointee, preached the Missionary Sermon, using as a text Matthew 24:14. Collection for missions, amounting to $11.40.

Dr S. W. Averett, president of the Judson Female Institute, spoke of the many advantages of that excellent school.

Sang two stanzas of hymn 204, after which adjourned until 3 p. m., with benediction by Bro. Thompson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re assembled at 3 p. m., devotional exercises being conducted by Eld. W. J. Elliott, who read the 146th Psalm.

On motion of Bro. Thompson, seconded by Bro. Dickson, the Clerk was instructed to devote an appropriate page of the minutes to the memory of the esteemed and beloved Eld. Jefferson Falker, whose life was a sweet benediction to many in this Association and to hundreds in Alabama.

Discussion of Sunday School and Weak and New Churches reports resumed, with remarks by Bro. McLendon, who offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That Associational Missions be made a special object for regular contributions by the churches, and that the churches be requested to make a liberal contribution to this cause during the year.

2. That the Executive Committee be instructed to employ a suitable minister who shall act as colporteur, laboring with the weak churches and on the destitute fields in the interest of the churches and Sunday Schools.

which, after remarks by brethren Goldsmith, Crumpton, Elliott, Gunn, Catts, Anderson and Thompson, were laid on the table. Reports adopted.

Report on State Missions was read by the chairman, Eld. W. J. Elliott, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Twenty years ago this Board was inaugurated in Huntsville, and a year later made its first annual report to the Baptist State Convention.

Rev. T. M. Bailey, its first corresponding secretary, whose head and heart guided the affairs of the Board for a decade, was wide awake to the interests of the denomination, and seized every opportunity for aggressive work. Ten years ago Rev. W. B. Crumpton was employed as corresponding secre-

tary of the Board, and under his wise management and faithful labors we have seen the work prosper and grow from year to year.

During the past twenty years over $141,885 have been collected and expended in State Mission work by the Board, and during that time the Board raised for all purposes over $282,919, about 200 Baptist churches have been organized, over 10,000 converts have been baptized, 2,000 Sunday Schools have been organized, 162 Women's Missionary Societies have been established, and more young ministers have been educated than in the years prior to its existence.

The Board not only gathers her own special interests under her wings, but those of Home and Foreign Missions, as well as Bible and colportage work, indigent ministers, the evangelization of the colored people and the education of young ministers, together with much other work. The Board has extended her wings until she has had under them, at times, nearly every cause nurtured by the Baptists of the State.

The work of the secretary and his assistants for the past year has been progressive. The results achieved have been gratifying. Notwithstanding the financial depression of the past year, the contributions to the Board for State Missions have been about $8,000, equal to the collections of the past four or five years. Our secretary has written hundreds of letters and distributed a large number of circulars, seeking the aid and co-operation of churches and individuals. He held special meetings and rallies, for the purpose of arousing enthusiasm and imparting information. Almost everywhere he has been a new impetus has been given to the work.

Many churches and individuals, who have been holding themselves aloof from co-operation, have fallen into line, and are moving, in harmonious step, with the great host of regulars Bible and Colportage Work has been prosecuted under great difficulties, the chief of which was the lack of capital to operate with. In order to accomplish all that is needed to be done, we will have to increase our contributions to this department of work.

These results constitute an argument which proves that this Board is worthy of our most liberal support and the most hearty co-operation of the denomination all over the State. We recommend that the Committee on Apportionment be instructed to apportion to the churches $2,000 for Missions, $300 for Bible and Colportage Fund and $300 for Ministerial Education.

We also recommend that our pastors in their ministrations urge more frequently upon their congregations systematic contributions to the cause of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Elliott, Chairman.

who spoke to both State and Foreign Missions reports, followed by Bro. Crumpton. Reports adopted.

On motion, church letters were referred to the Finance Committee for tabulation.

Adjourned, with benediction by Bro. Crumpton, to meet at 8:30 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

The association met at 8:30 and was led in prayer by Eld. W. B. Crumpton, after which a map lecture was presented the large and interested congregation. Collection, $6.00.

Adjourned, with benediction by Bro. Crumpton, to meet at 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY, JULY 18.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at the appointed time. Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. S. J. Catts, who read the 4th Psalm and led in prayer. After a song, short prayers by brethren Anderson, Dickson, Thompson and Averett.

Treasurer of the Association made his annual report, which was referred to the Finance Committee for auditing.

Committee on Denominational Education, through Eld. E. F. Baber, made its report, Clerk reading same in the absence of the chairman:

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

This subject, always important to Baptists, is each year becoming more serious There are two questions before us: First, is it desirable to educate our children at schools under Baptist control in preference to other schools? Second, if so, how can we do it?

The Roman Catholics recognize the school-room as one of the subtlest and most potent, and at the same time least expensive, agency for the propagation of their doctrines. We say least expensive, because the money is paid for literary education, and the religious impression is made free of cost—it is that much "thrown in" by the teacher and other influences surrounding the pupil. So well do the Catholics know by long experience the efficiency of the literary school as an instrumentality in the propagation of their doctrines and practices, that whenever there is the smallest hope of success they contest inch by inch, sometimes even to the shedding of blood, the control of the schools. Failing in this, they establish schools of their own, in which no teachers are allowed but those of their own faith. Whatever else we may say of their conduct, we must admit that it is marked by worldly wisdom.

The Methodists have learned by both observation and experience the value of the literary school as an instrumentality for denominational advancement; they therefore place a Methodist school teacher wherever they can. Not only this, but they are planting district schools in every presiding elder's district in the State. They know what they are doing. We also ought to see.

It is not meant that either the Romanists or Methodists insist that school teachers of their faith shall inculcate their religious tenets in the pupils directly. They are too wise for that. They put the teacher and pupil in contact, and the pupil's attachment to and respect for the teacher often does whatever else is desired. Besides this, there is denominational prestige in the mere fact of having the teacher at the head of the school.

So potent do these facts appear to us, that we feel warranted in saying that when sufficient time has elapsed for causes to definitely show their effects, it will be seen that the denomination which controls the majority of school houses also controls the majority of churches and church members.

We do not feel that it is needful for us to add to the facts presented an exhortation to our Baptist brethren. It ought to be sufficient when their attention has been called to this matter.

It may be expected that we shall say something of denominational education as against State education. We can say little that has not been often said heretofore. We would not repeat some things that have been said.

Education by the State is an established fact. We must recognize that fact, and do the best we can with it. State schools of higher grade come into competition with our denominational schools of higher grade. Many Baptist young men attend them as do others also who would otherwise at-

tend our Baptist schools. What can we do? We may appeal to denominational pride. We may offer superior inducements, if we can. We may work and pray for our own schools. We may show the moral and religious benefit of attending a denominational school. We do not know what else to suggest.

We are fully persuaded that Baptists ought to patronize their own schools in preference to any other, if they furnish the education desired. And if they do not, let us give them our help until they are able to meet all demands.

We feel assured that for the needs of the great majority of our sons and daughters, Howard College and Judson Institute are not excelled by our State schools or any others.

Respectfully submitted.

E. F. Baber, Chairman.

which was spoken to by Dr. S. W. Averett and Eld. W. B. Crumpton and adopted.

Report on Ministerial Education, through Geo. W. Ellis, was read by Eld. J. L. Thompson, in the absence of the chairman, as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Prior to 1894 there was no organized effort for the advancement of the cause of ministerial education, except with a few of the associations in the State, who would adopt as their beneficiary some worthy young minister, and aid him in his noble calling.

The State Convention, at Tuscaloosa, on July 21, 1884, created the Board of Ministerial Education, which for two years was located at Birmingham. The Convention that was held at Birmingham in July, 1886 removed the board to Montgomery, where the work was prosecuted until November, 1893, when the Convention, held at Greenville in that month, abolished the Board of Ministerial Education and committed that branch of the work to the State Board of Missions. As to the success of this work, we have only to look back over the statistical and financial reports for the past eleven years, to be convinced that God has been in the move from the beginning. There has been raised from $2,000 to $3,000 annually, and from twenty to forty worthy students for the ministry have been helped each year, and as a further evidence that the work is in the hearts of God's people, in this, one of the hardest of financial years, the State Board of Missions has raised through contributions from His people, in the last twelve months, for ministerial education alone, about $2,000, aiding quite a number of young ministers who otherwise would have had to remain away from college and the Seminary for lack of means.

The demand for an educated ministry was never greater than now. We are taught in God's word that "the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;" that men are brought to a knowledge of their true condition through the instrumentality of the gospel preached to them, attended by the Holy Ghost; and we are further taught that "those who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." Therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That this Association is in hearty sympathy with the cause of ministerial education as fostered by our State Convention.

2. That we urge the churches to contribute liberally to the support of the work; one-half to be paid by November 1st, and the remainder by February 1st next.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Geo. W. Ellis, Chairman.

Discussed by brethren Thompson, Anderson and Crumpton, and adopted.

Motion to limit speeches to five minutes prevailed.

In the absence of the chairman, Dr. Geo. B. Eager, Eld. W. J. Elliott read the

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The Alabama Central Committee of Women is the creature of our State Convention by action taken at its session in Selma, November, 1889. The object was the organization of our women for higher and more efficient service in the interest of missions. The Women's Missionary Union of Alabama was the outgrowth of this action, and aims at nothing short of the enlistment of every Baptist woman in the State in the good work. Gathered into missionary and aid societies, they would all be more actively engaged searching the Scriptures concerning these things, aiding our great missionary enterprises, dispensing information, awakening and fostering the missionary spirit, and gathering the children into Sunbeam Societies and training them, under God, for future usefulness.

During the six years of its existence the work of this organization and its auxiliary societies throughout the State has shown remarkable growth and progress, and the women of our Association have had some creditable share in these achievements They have an intelligence, energy, zeal and organizing power which might have been expected from women so equipped by nature and education with hearts aglow with the love of Christ. Surely were our Savior here to speak audibly he would again say, "She hath done what she could."

"Who goeth a warfare at his own charges?" asks Paul. But our good women have done this noble work "without fee or reward." Amid the busy cares of wifehood and motherhood they have snatched from sleep and from pleasure's calls time and money to help us do the Master's work. Can we not hear Paul exhorting us, as he did others of old, "Help those women?" Shall we not encourage them in their labor of love? We need not devise ways and means for them. Love's ways are ever many—and wondrous and wise. Who loveth like woman? Whose brain is so fertile as hers? Whose hands are so deft and ready for the service of humanity? Let us not be sceptical and half-hearted. Let us encourage her in her God-given work until there is a Missionary Society in every church, and a Sunbeam Band in every Sunday School of our denomination in the State. And let us thank God for this help, so meet for us, so suitable to them, which He has so graciously vouchsafed to us.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. EAGER, Chairman.

which, after remarks by Elds. W. J. Elliott, J. E. Barnes and W. B. Crumpton, was adopted.

Eld. S. J. Catts read the

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME.

The State Convention, which located the Orphans and Widows' Home at Evergreen, Ala., filled a long-felt want in the ranks of the Baptist brotherhood of Alabama.

That we should desire a refuge for the orphans and widows of our rank, is but the fulfillment of a want that is dominant in each breast.

There was, therefore, no surprise on the part of many when at once this enterprise gained great favor among every rank of our denomination.

It is a remarkable fact that many who will not give one cent to missions will cheerfully and willingly contribute to the Orphans' Home. I think this a good way to make of our O-missionary Baptists Baptists who are missionary indeed, for when a person becomes interested in one department of church work, soon he becomes so in other departments. So we may reasonably conclude that instead of being a drawback to missionary endeavor, contributing to this work is an incentive to the mission cause. Your committee desires to call your attention to the most salient features of the work in the Home germain to this report.

The training of the children confided to the Home is as near that of a well-regulated Christian family as practicable The children are required to go to school, observe family worship, and attend Sunday-school and church regularly.

A board of visitors has been appointed at the request of the Board of Managers, composed of ladies of the Evergreen church, whose duty it is to visit the Orphanage once a week, to inspect its interi al arrangement, to procure needed supply of clothing, etc.

The Orphanage is in need of additional rooms, and especially a commodious dining-room and kitchen.

The charter recognizes two ways of disposing of the children under its care, viz: apprenticeship and adoption.

They have suitable blanks for this purpose, so guarded as that proper care is taken that no child shall be confided to improper persons.

The immediate government of the Home is in the hands of Rev. J. W. Stewart and Mrs. Clara Ansley, who are constant in their supervision of the cares, wants and culture of the children. There are at present thirty children and widows in the home. The current expenses for the month averages about $200. There is a balance due on last year's payment of $273. 00 We recommend—

1. That each pastor and church of this Association take up collections regularly for this cause, having a stated Sunday in each year for this purpose.

2. That each church able to do so in the bounds of this Association support and maintain one child in the Home, paying for its clothes, books and tuition.

3. That some time during this session a pecial collection be taken up for the purpose of paying the current expenses of the Home for this month.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. Catts, Chairman.

and spoke to the same, followed by brethren Anderson, Crumpton and others, closing with the following cash subscriptions and pledge:

W. B. Crumpton (cash).....	$5 00	S. J. Catts.....	$5 00
B. A. Jackson (cash).....	5 00	S. W Averett (cash)...	5 00
J. G. Mills (cash)...	1 00	H. M. Caffey (cash)....	1 00
W. R. Meadows (cash).....	50		

which, with a hat collection, amounted to $20.40.

Eld. G. S. Anderson, in the absence of the chairman, read the

REPORT ON INDIGENT MINISTERS.

To the Montgomery Association:

Your committee, to report on Indigent Ministers within the bounds of the Association, beg leave to make their report, and to say that within their knowledge there are no indigent ministers within the bounds of our Association. The chairman, upon diligent inquiry, can hear of none.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. W. Townsend, Chairman.

which was adopted.

Through its chairman, J. R. McLendon, the committee reported as follows on

APPORTIONMENT.

We submit the same apportionment as last year, with the following changes: Good Hope goes out of the Association (to the Unity); the name of West Montgomery is changed to Clayton Street; South Montgomery comes in as a new church, and is added to our list:

CHURCHES.	Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Colportage.	Total.
Adams Street	$ 500 00	$ 50 00	$ 50 00	$ 600 00
Bethany	50 00	5 00	5 00	60 00
Bethel (Fort Deposit)	100 00	10 00	10 00	120 00
Bethesda	40 00	5 00	5 00	50 00
Clayton Street	100 00	25 00	25 00	150 00
Coosada	25 00	2 50	2 50	30 00
Deatsville	40 00	2 50	2 50	50 00
First Montgomery	1000 00	100 00	100 00	1200 00
Friendship	20 00	2 50	2 50	25 00
Hayneville	25 00	2 50	2 50	30 00
Lowndesboro	60 00	5 00	5 00	70 00
Mt. Hebron	25 00	2 50	2 50	30 00
Mt. Lebanon	20 00	2 50	2 50	25 00
Mt. Zion	75 00	5 00	5 00	85 00
Philadelphia	10 00	2 50	2 50	15 00
Pine Level	60 00	5 00	5 00	70 00
Prattville	100 00	10 00	10 00	120 00
Ramer	40 00	10 00	10 00	60 00
Shoal Creek	10 00	2 50	2 50	15 00
South Montgomery	10 00	2 50	2 50	15 00
Wetumpka	200 00	5 00	5 00	210 00
				$3030 00

J. R McLendon,
G. W. Johnson,
R. Meadows,
Committee.

Adopted.

Committee on Finance, through its chairman, Graves Little, made its report; (see Financial Exhibit;) also, that report of Treasurer had been audited and found correct:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Montgomery Baptist Association,

In account with J. H. Dickson, Treasurer:

Dr.

July, 1894.	To Cash collections for Orphanage	$ 6 81	
	Cash collections for Missions	13 25	
	Cash from Finance Com.—Home Missions	5 00	
	Cash from Finance Com.—State Missions	22 01	
	Cash from Finance Com —Ministerial Ed	27 85	
	Cash from Finance Committee—Minutes	26 75	
	Cash from Finance Committee for Orphanage	6 40	$108 07

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July, 1894.	By W. B. Crumpton	$74 51	
	J. W. Stewart	6 81	
	J. C. Pope	26 75	$108 07

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse H. Dickson, Treasurer.

Eld. Sidney Catts reported as follows for the committee on

NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

It is a noticeable fact that the nominations made this early in the year are often seriously affected by the removal of those appointed beyond the bounds of our Association, thus crippling our work by lack of appointees. Therefore, we recommend that the brethren to preach the Introductory and Missionary sermons be appointed by the Executive Committee

We recommend that we meet at Wetumpka, Ala., on the ——— day of ———, 1896.

Respectfully submitted,

Sidney Catts,
W. E. Lacy,
J. G. Mills,
Committee.

and, on motion of Eld. J. L. Thompson, the Association voted to meet next year on Tuesday after the third Sunday in August, which will be the 18th.

The Moderator announced the following

Executive Committee—J. H. Dickson, W. B. Davidson, Geo. W. Ellis, J. C. Pope, J. B. Gerald.

On motion of Eld. W. J. Elliott,

Letter of Dismission Granted—Good Hope church to join Unity Association.

On motion, money for associational purposes, amounting to $11.83, was voted to the Executive Committee for disposition.

On motion of Bro. Elliott, the Association invites all Baptist Young People Union and Sunday School workers in our bounds to hold a special service on Monday night preceding, and one hour on Tuesday morning of Association.

Eld. B. A. Jackson presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That we organize a Baptist Sunday School Convention in the bounds of the Montgomery Association, and that we hold at least one meeting during the associational year.

which was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

Bro. Dickson offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to this church and community for the kind and Christian courtesy and hospitality that have been extended to us during the past few days. In return for which we pray the Lord to bless them temporally and spiritually.

J. H. Dickson.

which was adopted by a rising vote.

Moderator was voted time in which to prepare list of committees for publication in the minutes.

On motion of Bro. Elliott the Clerk was voted $10.00 for his services, the remainder of the minute fund to be used in printing and distributing 500 copies of the minutes. Adopted.

Elder Sidney Catts reported for the Committee on Nominations—

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—W. J. Elliott. Alternates, G. S. Anderson, B. A. Jackson.

Delegates to State Convention—Jesse H. Dickson, J. C. Pope, J. L. Thompson, G. S. Anderson, C. A. Gunn, W. E. Lacy, John Varner, W. J. Elliott, Amos Jones, P. N Cilley.

which was adopted.

Prayer for the Hayneville church, led by Eld. B. A Jackson.

Eld. G. S. Anderson thanked the Association for the love and sympathy exhibited on this occasion for the Hayneville church.

Sang "Blest be the tie that binds," the parting hand was given, and the Association adjourned with prayer by Bro. Elliott, to meet with Wetumpka church, Tuesday, August 18, 1896.

T. L. JONES, Moderator,
Montgomery, Ala.

J. C. POPE, Clerk,
Montgomery, Ala.

IN MEMORY

OF

ELD. JEFFERSON FALKNER,

BORN

IN JASPER COUNTY, GA., APRIL 22, 1810.

DIED

IN MONTGOMERY, ALA., APRIL 22, 1895.

"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace."

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF MONTGOMERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1895.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Bible and Colportage	Ministerial Education	Howard College (Building).	Associational Purposes	Minutes	Orphans' Home	Sunbeams for Missions	Sunbeams for Orphans' Home	Sunday Schools. Orphans' Home	Sunday Schools. Home Expenses	Sunday Schools. Missions	Woman's Soci'ties. Missions	Woman's Soci'ties. Orphans' Home	Woman's Soci'ties. Home Purposes	Pastor's Salary	Current Expenses, the Poor, Etc.	Church Building & Repairs	Valuation of Church Building and Property
*Adams Street	16 73	214 73	146 38	9 78	9 10	200 00		4 00	84 10	6 01	6 70		170 00	38 76	34 75		33 77	1200 00	402 00	361 00	12500 00
Bethany	3 50	5 50	3 91		4 21		10 83	1 00	10 00					3 93				132 00			700 00
†Bethel	1 69	2 21	26 40	1 20	11 00			2 40	31 05				25 62	5 99	17 75	14 55		500 00			5500 00
Bethesda			4 00																		600 00
Coosada																					1000 00
Clayton Street			7 25					3 00	4 00				67 40		32 27	36 00	11 25	612 50	562 90		5000 00
Deatsville	1 75				1 77			1 52	4 31				30 00							8 00	175 00
‡First Montgomery	250 00	326 60	380 00		201 50			5 00	88 14				316 00	30 00				2500 00	1000 00		30000 00
Friendship		85	40					1 50	2 00				3 10					26 75			430 00
Good Hope								90													
Hayneville		11 00	3 25					1 50	8 72				34 24					200 00	23 00	40 00	1500 00
Lowndesboro		8 50	31 43		15 20			3 00	38 45				13 62	10 00				250 00	120 20		2700 00
Mt Hebron	2 86		5 00		1 15			1 50										75 00			750 00
Mt. Lebanon																					500 00
Mt. Zion	11 00	11 00	23 00		5 00		1 00	2 00	10 00									250 00			1000 00
Philadelphia							2 00	1 00													
Pine Level	6 70							2 00				10 36	27 10					125 00			1000 00
Prattville	15 00	17 20	25 40		10 00			2 50	18 00	7 50	5 00	6 30			42 00	17 00					
Ramer		1 25	8 90					1 50	20 51				5 20					80 00			
Shoal Creek																					
South Montg'mery			5 69	3 00				1 50					19 08					138 75	51 60		1600 00
Wetumpka	6 70	14 72	11 06		47 30			3 00	26 16	12 20			46 40		2 00			163 25	50 73		8000 00
Total	315 93	613 56	682 07	13 98	306 33	200 00	13 83	38 82	345 44	25 71	11 70	16 66	757 76	88 68	128 77	67 55	45 02	6253 25	2210 43	409 00	72955 00

*Adams Street B. Y. P. U. expenses B. Y. P. U. State Convention, $60.00; repairs, $28.00; ministerial education, $10.00. ‡First church B. Y. P. U. for Home Missions, $9.30; Orphanage, $5.00; Ministerial Education, 85c; Judson Institute, $25.15; all purposes (not included in the foregoing) $79.00; B. Y. P. U., Jr., for all purposes, $97.00; Sunday School for City Infirmary, $13.64. †Bethel church reports $22.35 for General Missions; Sunbeams for Min. Ed., $1.16.

STATISTICS OF MONTGOMERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1895.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	CLERK AND HIS P. O.	S. S. SUPT.	MEMBERSHIP 1894	Increase by				Decrease by				MEMBERSHIP 1895	No. Licensed Ministers.	No. Ordained Ministers.	No. take denom. paper.	Preaching Sunday	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						Collection for Missions.
					Baptism	Letter	Experience	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death						Officers & Teachers	Pupils	Average Attendance.	Baptized from Sunday School.	Vols. in Library	Periodicals taken.	
Adams Street	Wm. D. Gay	Geo. B. Burks, Montg'mry	Geo. W. Thomas	315	47	60	8	11	24	7	..	4	406	2	2	19	every	17	198	150	26	250	250	1st8
Bethany	C. J. Bentley	J. S. Turner, Ware	W. P. Dawson	52	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	52	..	..	..	2	3	20	12	..	..	..	....
Bethel (Ft. Deposit)	Sidney Catts.	Graves Little, Ft. Deposit	C. H. Priester, Ast	324	16	10	1	..	6	..	29	3	313	2	..	11	2&4	10	175	70	4	....	.....	...
*Bethesda	B. A. Jackson	J. T. Boyd, Ada	W. V. Bell	40	....	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Clayton Street	J. L. Thompson	H. L. Taylor, Montgomery	Frank Allen	145	38	48	..	3	16	4	..	3	211	1	..	..	every	15	165	83	20	....	200	1st8
*Coosada	W. J. Elliott	J. E. Jones, Robinson Spgs.	R. H. Hudson	48	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	48	..	..	..	.....	6	67	..	....	.....	..	....
Deatsville	E. F. Baber	G. B. Wilder, Deatsville	M. A. Pyron	69	4	2	..	..	4	3	12	..	56	1	..	3	2	7	40	30	....	....	40	....
First Montgomery	Geo. B. Eager	J. B Gerald, Montgomery	H. W. Parrish	705	45	30	..	..	38	..	22	8	712	4	..	..	every	40	315	182	30	....	....	1st8
Friendship	A. E. Pinckard	F. M. Sullivant, Rail	C. V. Collier	49	7	....	..	..	4	4	..	..	48	1	..	..	2	50‡	.....	35‡	5	.....	....	.....
*††Good Hope	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	..	.....	..	....
Hayneville	G. S. Anderson	J. F. Varner, Hayneville	F. S. Andress	39	.....	2	..	..	....	..	..	1	40	..	..	4	4	7	42	25	....	.....	....	....
Lowndesboro	W. J. Elliott.	F. Gordon, Lowndesboro	P. N. Cilley	24	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	24	..	..	6	1	8	35	25	.	..	43	.....
Mt. Hebron	A. C. Swindall	John Hogan Spigener's	R. B. James	68	1	2	..	..	3	3	..	1	64	..	..	..	4	8	40	25	..	....	....	....
†Mt. Lebanon	B. A. Jackson	W. F. Niblett, Woodley	.....	43	....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	43	..	..	..	.....	..	.....	..	..	....	....	....
Mt. Zion	N. C. Underwood	J. G. Mills, Chambers	.....	31	..	.....	..	..	3	..	..	..	28	..	..	7	4	....	....	....	....	..	....	....
Philadelphia	Thomas Morgan	G. T. Edwards, LaPine	.....	33	4	....	..	..	3	..	..	2	32	..	..	..	2	....	..	..	....	..	..	....
Pine Level	A. E. Pinckard	J. H. Lee, Pine Level	J. H. Dickson	94	2	3	..	..	4	..	..	2	93	..	..	5	4	7	50	40	2	80	70	....
Prattville	A. T. Sims	J. B. Bell, Prattville	Geo. W. Ward	96	45	14	..	2	10	2	1	3	141	..	..	..	2	16	130	86	22	.....	....	..
Ramer	A. E. Pinckard	J. J. McLendon, Ramer	J. R. McLendon	51	6	4	..	..	5	2	..	1	53	1	..	7	2	4	47	30	4	..	....	....
*Shoal Creek	.....	J. N. Dean, Lightwood	.....	33	.....	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	33	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	.....	..	..	....
South Montgom'ry	C. Johnson	C. Curbow, Montgomery	B. A. Blakey	..	4	30	..	..	2	..	..	..	32	..	..	4	every	7	57	24	3	.....	....	....
Wetumpka	W. J. Elliott	C. C. Edwards, Wetumpka	C. C. Edwards	82	24	11	2	1	4	..	1	1	114	..	..	10	2&4	9	80	45	20	....	100	.....
Total	.....	.....	.....	2367	243	218	12	17	128	25	65	30	2604	12	2	76		214	1461		136	330	703	

*Not represented; membership of 1893 inserted. †Statistics of 1894 given. ‡Printed as filled out in blank. ††Granted letter to join Unity Association.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

MONTGOMERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. This union of churches shall be known and distinguished by the style and title of the Montgomery Baptist Association.

II. This Association shall be composed of representatives from the churches in union

Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, and for every additional twenty-five members above the first hundred, shall be entitled to an additional delegate; but in the business of the Association, whenever the delegates from any church of the body shall request it, the vote shall be taken by churches, and in that event each church shall be entitled to three votes.

III The delegates when convened shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by the appointment of a Moderator and Clerk; these officers shall be chosen by ballot, at each annual meeting, and continue in office until new ones are chosen.

Should any event transpire so as to prevent an annual meeting of this Association, the Moderator shall have power to call a meeting at any time or place; which meeting, when convened, shall have all the rights of a regular annual meeting.

IV This Association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which she is composed. She shall regard them as independent bodies in all measures of internal government, and shall only act as an advisory council; assuming no authority but what is expressly delegated to her by the churches, or evidently implied by the very nature of the compact She nevertheless claims authority over her own members, the delegates of the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact, by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. She should therefore regard all the churches, united under the constitution, with a vigilant eye for good. Her principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God, by extending his kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel, and other means, in accordance with that gospel, to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and especially with those united in this Association.

V. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations, of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union on their sending up delegates to an annual meeting, with a petition, and by those delegates agreeing to the abstract of principles adopted by this Association

VI. The churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association written communications specifying the names of the delegates, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored, deceased since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem of importance, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

VII. This Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all monies thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over, through the Committee on Finance, to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall receive and manage the funds according to the order of the Association, and present annually, for

insertion in the minutes, a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

VIII. This Association shall furnish the churches with the Minutes of every session.

IX This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulties between churches, unless they have pursued the directions contained in the xviii chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them; then the Association shall take such matters into consideration, and act upon them at her discretion.

X It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of printed Minutes of every session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

XI. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by proper rules of decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

XII. This constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of the Association, by a concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present; provided, such alteration or amendment be approved by a majority of the churches.